COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Nancy's Notes:

Nancy Buhl, Communications Coordinator

A big thank you to those who have already renewed their annual dues for May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. For those who haven't, please mail your renewal check to our treasurer, Mary Taylor at 1233 South E Street, Lake Worth, FL 33460. For those of you with the College email address, your dues should have been paid by September 1 in order to keep it. Remember that a College Retiree card is available for a one-time fee of $10 with the same form completed as the College email form. It is available by simply emailing me. Enter Life & Work Resources in the search field on the College's webpage to view what benefits are offered with a College Retiree ID card upon approval of each provider excluding the College's Wellness Center.

The dates for the annual discount period for Lion Country Safari are September 11 through November22, 2015. The price is $13.99 per person with up to 4 additional guests in a vehicle with the Hospitality, Military, Government and Teacher driver. Remember this offer includes Retirees with a College Retiree ID card. For full details, go to Special lEvents/Lion Country Safari.

CRA President's Message:

I hope you are all well and enjoying your families, leisure activities, hobbies and volunteer activities. With the College Retirees' Association you can look forward to an enjoyable year of interesting and entertaining meeting topics that the board has planned for us. I encourage you to attend one or all of our meetings. They are a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new people and share your retirement experience with others.

Thank you for supporting my candidacy for president. It will indeed be a challenge to follow Shelley Hill who has served as a very effective, compassionate leader for the past four years. With hers and other board members' assistance, I have already begun to transition into my new role.

Please feel free to contact me or other board members with suggestions for activities and meeting topics. I look forward to serving you as president for the next two years.

CRA ELECTED OFFICERS 2016

President:
Peggy Adams King

Vice President:
Bill Buntin

Treasurer:
Mary Taylor

Secretary:
Susan Goehring

Social Chair:
Jeanette Sanders

Program Chair:
Virginia Brooks

Communications Coordinator:
Nancy Buhl

Goodwill Ambassador
Joal Solaas

Newsletter Editor:
Marie Reddy

Past President:
Shelley Hill

President
Peggy-Adams-King

Peggy Adams-King retired in May 2012 as Associate Dean, Business and Computer Science, Lake Worth. She worked at the College for twenty-six years: as a Learning Specialist in the CPI Computer Lab for 10 years, as the Central Campus Computer Resources Manager for 5 years, and as Associate Dean for 11 years. In retirement she enjoys traveling, creating photo books and snow skiing during the winter months. She volunteers as an income tax preparer for the VITA Program.

Vice President
Bill Buntin

After 37 years, Bill Buntin retired in 2013 as Manager of Media Technology and Instructional Services, Lake Worth. He supervised media and video production staff, telecourse staff, word processing center staff and professional teaching and learning center staff. He was responsible for maintaining, budgeting, designing, purchasing and installing new media equipment and classroom technology systems. He served on councils and committees comprised of faculty and administrations who directed college growth and expansion of facilities and instructional technologies.

Treasurer
Mary Taylor

I started working at PBSC in the Cashiers office in 1977 and when I retired in 2012 I was working in the Accounts Payable office. I have been enjoying my retirement traveling, volunteering at JFK and my church and spending time with my family and fur family.

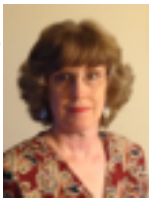
Secretary
Susan Goehring

Hi my name is Susan Goehring and I retired from Palm Beach State College February 28, 2014 after 21 years. I also graduated from PBJC in 1969. I'm really enjoying retirement; there is nothing like it. We now have time to travel to Orlando and stay as long as we want at our condo. We are Grandma and Grandpa in Orlando to our 4 grandkids (our daughter and son-in-law are expecting #5 in December). We are planning a trip to New England this spring. We are looking forward to all our new adventures.

Social Chair
Jeanette Sanders

In 1994 I retired from PBCC after 25 years in Continuing Studies. I truly loved my time at PBCC. Our retirement life was a wonderful adventure as we traveled the country for the next 15 years in our motorhome. There is nothing like having your own bed on the road. Our traveling companions were our beloved animals, two small dogs and a cat that were considered our four legged children. Life is good. A positive attitude, family, good friends and my two small four legged children are my constant companions these days.

Program Chair
Virginia Brooks



A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, I graduated from the University of Tennessee. John, my husband of 47 years, was an electrical engineer, and his work took us to Illinois, Georgia, North Carolina, and finally to North Palm Beach. I have enjoyed teaching at 2-year colleges everywhere we lived, especially during my 22 years teaching Composition, American Literature, and Honors Composition at the north campus of PBSC. I also sponsored the Faithwalkers Christian Club.Since retirement, my husband and I have traveled to Alaska, western U.S., and the Caribbean. Every year we spend a couple of summer months in Tennessee. I am an interpreter and Bible study teacher for the deaf at our church. Our daughter is a teacher at Berean Christian School in WPB.

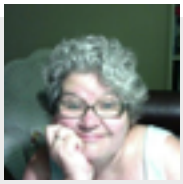
Communications Coordinator
Nancy Buhl

Hard to believe I have enjoyed a decade of retiree life. At the end of my PBCC career, I was working as the Curriculum Specialist in the Dept. of Academic Services and enjoying my contact with fellow employees on all four campuses. Since then, I have been very involved with two grandsons who are athletes in and out of school. I've been on a few family trips to New York, Tennessee, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Pennsylvania as well as trips around Florida for beach soccer tournaments that they still participate in. One plays club soccer at UCF and I enjoy going to those games. Other than that, I am a homeowner with projects to be done that keep me busy when not bowling, working for the PBSC Chapter of AFC and our CRA. I enjoy being in touch with all of you and hope to continue in my position of Communications

Goodwill Ambassador
Joal Solaas

For 22 years. my position at PBCC was as administrative secretary for the Crossroads Displaced Homemaker Program in Continuing Education and I just about loved every day. Now I love retirement even more! Although you probably wouldn't call my present life exciting or very productive, I am blessed to say I am happy. My activities revolve around gardening, extensive reading, spending time with friends, and traveling to visit our two daughters and four grandchildren in Mass. So far, thank you God, these past five retirement years have been golden, except for the recent loss of our beloved pet, Kitty Boy, a cat we adopted from the strays living on campus at PBCC. Thank you, Julie Brandt, for rescuing him and giving us so much pleasure and love from his company.

Newsletter Editor
Marie Reddy



I retired from Palm Beach State in June of 2012 from the Library, after first working for Personnel (as it was known then). Without reservation, I can say that I enjoy retirement. I moved to a condo and now do their newsletter along with CRA's. Since I was not able to travel before, I am planning to take a few cruises to see if I like cruising! I'm also on the bowling league at Park Pointe and keep busy within the community, the Orchid Society, and the African Violet Society. I still work with AFC with the Annual Book Sale, so remember the AFC/Library book sale when you are getting ready to clean the bookshelves!

Past President
Shelley Hill

I have plane reservations for the October 9 meeting. See you there!

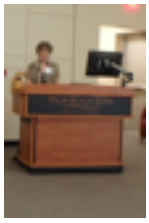
SAYING GOODBY TO DR. DENNIS GALLON

At the last CRA meeting our honored guest was our own Dr. Gallon

Our last CRA meeting was held in the Public Safety Building Conference Room. Dr. Dennis Gallon, retiring President of Palm Beach State College, as our speaker, gave all an overview of how the College has grown over the years. Those of us who worked at Palm Beach JUNIOR College know a lot of this first-hand. Dr. Gallon added several new buildings during his term and also planned the 5th campus of PBSC at Loxahatchee Groves.

We wish Dr. Gallon well during his retirement—he will be missed! Hopefully he will come to future CRA meetings as a participant!

Thank you Dr. Gallon for your years at Palm Beach State College!



SAYING HELLO TO NEW PRESIDENT AVA L. PARKER, J.D.

Ava L. Parker, J.D. began serving as President of Palm Beach State College, the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, effective July 1, 2015. She moved to that position after serving since 2012 as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Florida Polytechnic University, the state's first public university focused on applied research in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. As the first executive hired, Parker was responsible for developing strategy, implementing the vision, building the team, opening the new campus and preparing for the university's Fall 2014 inaugural class.

Discovering her deep interest in higher education, she became an expert in public higher education policy in Florida. An attorney, President Parker was a partner of Lawrence & Parker PA, a corporate and transactional, civil litigation and public finance law firm in Jacksonville, Florida, from 2000 to 2012. She also was president of the consulting firm Linking Solutions.

President Parker served for more than 10 years as member, vice chair and chair of the Florida Board of Governors of the State University System and also served on the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees. As an attorney, she was a partner in the Jacksonville firm of Lawrence & Parker, general counsel at Edward Waters College, general counsel for the 11th Episcopal District of the AME Church, assistant general counsel for the state Department of Transportation and assistant public defender in Miami-Dade County. She also is on the board of directors of Orchid Island Capital, a publicly-traded specialty finance company. She earned her B.A. degree and J.D. degree from the University of Florida. She is married and has two children.

The College Retirees Association members will be able to meet President Parker in person as she has been invited to attend our annual Holiday Party at the Atlantis Country Club on December 4.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP.....

DR. DAN O'CONNELL AND RUTH (ALONG WITH RUTH'S MOM)

Ruth and I keep busy at home and in our garden. Ruth keeps active in her photo studio.

Attached is a picture of me and Ruth's Mom working in our garden.

Our main trip this fall will be back to Louisiana to mingle with the Creoles in NOLA and the Cajuns in Lafayette. This winter we hope to spend a month back in Hawaii, Ruth's new favorite state.

We hope to take granddaughter Emily out west next June, God willing and the creek don't rise.

FRANK MOSSADEGHI

Next month my wife Janet and I , along with our four children , their spouses, and our seven grand children , will be celebrating our fiftieth(50th.) wedding anniversary week at the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, N.C. (You can actually stay in the Estate).

During the upcoming Football Season , our first game is against FAU on September 5th. Having degrees from both Institutions, we will be cheering for TU in the first half , and then move to the FAU side for the second half. This is our regular practice when FAU comes to town.

Tulsa is basically our adopted hometown as we both went to High School here , met here , as well as attending TU. We love the four seasons and the occasional White Christmas . We do not miss the high humidity of South Florida. We do , however, visit our daughters every other month or so , for a few days in Mission Bay , Boca Raton.

That's it for now , but I do miss PBJC, PBCC, PBSC as my thirty three years with the Institution will always be part of my life.

ELLEN GRACE

I am grateful for my continued good health and am very busy with many activities. I work with my son in immigration law, tutor ESL students, travel frequently, and, most importantly, spend precious time with family and friends.

NANCY BUHL GRANDSON'S GRADUATION

Nancy Buhl and family enjoyed a weekend trip to FSU for the graduation of her first grandson, Tyler Masi, who graduated with a BS in Criminology and Minor in Economics.

Plans are to do it again in 2017 at UCF for his brother, Austin.

VIRGINIA BROOKS

Once again, my husband John, my daughter Judi, and I enjoyed spending part of the summer in East Tennessee, at our house on Norris Lake. We especially enjoyed reunions with my family in July, and with John's family in August. Of course, since we own our lake house, we spend a good part of the visit doing home improvement!

MONTH OF JULY in West Palm Beach
By George Matsoukas

Summer travel is exciting. But the month of July in West Palm Beach is a musical feast and the place to be. For 24 years the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival is celebrated in our community in July. This group was founded by Michael Forte, Michael Ellert and Karen Dixon and got its start at Palm Beach State College in the back box theatre of the Duncan Theater. It has developed into a quality festival which makes the month of July a special time in our community. I have been in attendance for the 24 years and a subscriber for at least 20 of those years. I attend the four Friday night performances in July at the Helen K. Person Recital Hall at Palm Beach Atlantic University. What a wonderful hall to hear chamber music. It is perfect. You can also hear the programs on Saturday and Sunday at the Eissey Theater in Palm Beach Gardens or Sunday in Delray at the Delray Art Center-Old School Square.

The series has presented over 450 different chamber music pieces during these 24 years. Check out the web site www.pbcmf.org
Each piece is carefully selected by top quality educators, performers, musicians who make up this chamber group. The reviews of their work during these years reinforce my generalist understanding and appreciation of classical music to know that what I am hearing and experiencing is outstanding. I leave each performance refreshed and enthusiastic. The nearest place that you would have to travel to hear music of this quality would be New York City, and in July I do not think you would find music to equal what we have here in West Palm Beach.

Mark your calendar for next July and celebrate the 25th Anniversary Year of the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival. If your grandchildren are students in Palm Beach County Schools they can attend with you at no cost. Tickets are $25 a performance. To be put on the mailing list, you can go to the web site or inquire at P.O. Box 15618 West Palm Beach, FL 33416 or phone 561-547-1070.

NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP.....

FRANKIE SPRAGUE

I will be on vacation the week of the luncheon and cannot attend. Of course, I haven't been down to the "main campus" in quite awhile. I have a really, really bad back—not life threatening—but it keeps me from getting very far from home, plus I can only walk a very short distance. I enjoy "keeping up" with the group and find it hard to believe it's been so many years since I was there!

Best wishes for a successful new year to those who are retiring as well as the new President!

MEMBER PASSINGS

HARRIS MCGIRT

We are saddened to report the passing of Dr. Harris McGirt, who was one of the first administrators at Palm Beach Junior College's Boca Raton campus. Dr. McGirt, who resided in Lake Worth, died June 5 at the age of 79.

ABBY BEGEL

We are also sorry to share the news of the passing of Abby R. Begel, former development director for the Palm Beach State College Foundation, who died June 19 in Jupiter. She was 80 years old.

ERNIE PARBHOO

Our summer began before June 21, when eleven members of our family convened over Memorial Day weekend in West Palm Beach to celebrate my 80th birthday! After an especially delightful get-together at Lake Worth Beach's Mulligan's, (where John G's was until recently, when the Casino was remodeled,) we all gathered the following day at Port of Palm Beach to embark on the "Bahamas Celebration" for a two-night, one-day cruise to the Grand Bahama Island and back. (Our daughter, Emily, argued that it was a three-day, two-night outing, because we boarded a bit after noon on the first day and enjoyed a late lunch and grand dinner that day as well.) After a beautiful sunrise/ breakfast arrival at our destination, the older members of the family opted to take a guided bus tour of the island, while the youngsters chose to play at the beautiful white sand beach. We understand that we were among the 1,700 guests on this ship which can accommodate 1,800. After another dinner all together, again served exquisitely by eager and willing staff, we made a pleasant return trip overnight and were able to disembark by 10 AM in Riviera Beach All easily made their various return-trip schedules, thanks to Emily's chauffer skills!

P.S. This ocean cruise ship was formerly a member of the Carnival fleet and has been updated and navigates the inlet by Port of Palm Beach surprisingly well. We highly recommend this cruise, but if we go again, we will spend the day "in port" on board to enjoy the many other wonderful entertainments available without leaving the ship.

Now this last week in July, we helped out at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Vacation Bible School. Many of you may recall OSL as the church in Lake Worth which lost its sanctuary in Oct.,'05, during Hurricane Wilma's boisterous visit. We moved that same week into the gymnasium of our two-story, multi-use building, and this week hosted the CROS Ministries' summer camp for VBS. This has been the second summer camp they have held in our 3-story school building, since the school has closed, but the first VBS in which they participated. It was the best VBS we can recall having, and it was tremendously exciting to observe and hear the 85-100 children's heart-felt singing of praises to our gracious Lord!

ROSEMARIE LOWREY

Rosemarie Lowrey retired for the second time from Palm Beach State College—this time as a part time Librarian at the Eissey Campus. When she first retired, she wanted to go back to helping the students. So, she went back as a part time librarian at the Eissey Campus. Helping students with their research papers and whatever else they needed was her passion.

She enjoyed being a librarian — Palm Beach State has again lost a valuable asset in *Rosemarie Lowrey, Librarian.*

*Because of her health, R*osemarie has moved to an assisted living facility in Tequesta.

You can reach her at

Tequesta Terrace
400 North US One, #207,
Tequesta, Florida 33469.

Her cell phone is still active and you can call her at 561-622-7324. She would appreciate visitors, cards, or phone calls!

SCOTT GIVES APPRECIATION MEDALS TO VETERANS

Gov. Rick Scott handed out more than 200 appreciation medals to veterans west of West Palm Beach in April, saying its important to "thank our heroes" throughout the year.

"It's important that we don't just wait for the holidays to thank our men and women, Scott told a crowd at the Callaway National Guard Armory on Gun Club Road. "We must take every opportunity possible to thank our heros and tell them that we hold much reverence for their service." Recipients included then 97-year old Banna I. Rodriguez Ghioto of Lake Clark Shores, who was an Army nurse in World War II both in the Pacific and Europe. "I thought it was a wonderful gesture and makes you realize how many Florida veterans we have in our country," Ghioto said.

Banna Ghioto is also a founding member of the College Retirees Association, joining when it was called the Emeritis Faculty Association. Banna Ghioto is now 98 years old– thank you for your service, from all of us!

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA)
MINUTES OF MAY 08, 2015 MEETING

Held in the Public Safety Building Room PSD 108, Conference Room
Lunch and Socializing 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM

The CRA President, Shelley Hill welcomed all and announced that Dr. Gallon will be speaking before the business meeting.Virginia Brooks introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Dennis Gallon who is the President of Palm Beach State College and he will be speaking on how Palm Beach State College has grown over the past years.

- 3,000 are now graduating each fall and spring term.
- Campus locations: Gardens Campus, Lake Worth Campus, Boca Raton Campus, Glades Campus and the upcoming westward campus Loxahatchee Grove Site (West on Southern Blvd.) to meet the community's educational needs.
- 48,240 enrollment – 44% Male and 56% Female
- Ethnicity Pie chart indicated: 44% White, 26% Black, 26% Hispanic, 4% Other
- Program enrollment: BAS 5%, AA 61%, AS/AAS 20%, College Credit Cert. 2%, Dual Enrollment 5%, Non-Degree 6%, Other 1%
- Fund One Revenues (College Budget): 2006-2011 31% increase of enrollment.
- Then and now, (17 years ago) Palm Beach Community College was basically a transfer institution.
- Now Palm Beach State College has 100+ programs, to name a few: Post Secondary Adult Vocational, BSN, BAS, Supervision and Management, Informational Management, Nursing, largest provider for Center of Institute of Excellence, Allied Health, Center for Early Learning Childhood
- 25 years ago the Instructor only had class room and office with no computer, internet or telephone. 4100 computers and 600 mobile PC's have now been installed. At that time the cost was $6.9 million
- Foundation endowment (now) at a cost of $31.6 million, $17 million in Federal and other Grants in the past 4 years. Dollars have not been matched by State (to match dollar to dollar), the State has not kept their promise (owing $24.5 million)
- In the past 4 years NO student Tuition has increased
- Productivity 8% to finish in 2 or 3 years
- During Dr. Gallon's presidency the following new buildings were constructed. 2003 Early Learning Center (Gardens), 2007 Humanities Building (Boca) and Bioscience Technical Building (Gardens), 2008 Natural Science Educational and Training Complex (Lake Worth), 2010 Public Safety - 1st phase (Lake Worth), Technical Educational Center (Belle Glade), 2011 Public Safety and Fire Tower (Lake Worth), and 2015 the future 5th Campus at the Loxahatchee Grove site started ground breaking.

Dr. Dennis Gallon upon his retirement June 30, 2015, will be staying in the area. He hopes to have a fulfilling life traveling, golfing, reading and possibly learning the Spanish Language..

***CRA BUSINESS MEETING*:**

A moment of silence was held for our lost members of the CRA.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Taylor reported the check balance had been 2267.73. Expenses were 18.20, 298.50, 1228.50 and 100.00. The new balance without today's deposit is 1726.82.

Secretary's Report: Marie Reddy read the report that Joan Young had written before moving to California.
***The Minutes were approved.**

PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU! SHARE THIS APPLICATION WITH OTHER PBSC RETIREES YOU KNOW!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES----$15.00
PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION
PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH CHECK TO:
MARY TAYLOR
1233 SOUTH E STREET
LAKE WORTH, FL 33460
561-588-9313
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PLEASE SEND US NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING!
IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT MARIE REDDY AT MARIE-REDDY@COMCAST.NET

If you know of a member who is ill or who has died or suffered some kind of setback, contact our
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If you have a change in address or phone number (or if you know the address of a former member who has moved), please contact:
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If you have an interesting idea for a speaker or program for one of our meetings, please contact:
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Meeting Dates:

Friday,
October 9th. 2015
Bachelor's Building CBP 103
11:30 am
Guest Speaker: Patt Lindsay
Orchid Growing
(there will also be plants to buy)
Luncheon Free, Guests $10.

Holiday Meeting and Party
Atlantis Country Club
December 4th, 2015
Buffet Luncheon (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED..$25 ea.)

Spring Meeting
Friday, May 6th, 2016
Site to be announced.....